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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM: SOCIAL WORKING GROUP  
DELEGATION; OIL-SPILL AGENDA ITEM

REF: MEXICO 13043

1. FOLLOWING IS US DELEGATION TO SOCIAL WORKING GROUP  
MEETING AUGUST 11-12. IN INFORMING GOM, PLEASE NOTE THAT  
LIST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

STATE:

MATTHEW NIMETZ, COUNSELOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, CO-CHAIRMAN  
OF DELEGATION

DAVID SIMCOX, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MEXICAN AFFAIRS

HERBERT SPIELMAN, OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
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FRANK STARRS, POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND EMBASSY COORDINATOR  
FOR SOCIAL WORKING GROUP MATTERS

GEORGE LEHNER, OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ADVISER

JUSTICE:

MICHAEL EGAN, ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND CO-CHAIRMAN  
OF DELEGATION

LEONEL CASTILLO, COMMISSIONER, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZA-  
TION SERVICE

DORIS MEISSNER, DEPUTY ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

LABOR:

CHARLES KNAPP, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY

COMMERCE:

CHRIS ALDRETE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

AGRICULTURE:

GEORGE E. CAVIN, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, PLANT PROTECTION AND  
QUARANTINE, MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA

DANIEL E. WERRING, ASSISTANT CO-DIRECTOR US-MEXICAN  
SCREWORM ERADICATION COMMISSION

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DR. ROBERT HORTON, HEALTH EFFECTS RESEARCH LABORTORY

COAST GUARD:

CAPTAIN JOHN R. KIRKLAND

TREASURY:

PAT PASCOE, FINANCIAL ATTACHE, EMBASSY

2. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO MEXICAN INCLUSION OF SUBJECT  
OF CUSTOMS COOPERATION AGREEMENT ON AGENDA (REFTEL).  
REQUEST THAT EMBASSY DESIGNATE MISSION OFFICIAL MOST  
KNOWLEDGABLE ON THIS SUBJECT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUS-  
SIONS. WE ALSO REQUEST APPROPRIATE MISSION OFFICER BE  
DESIGNATED TO ASSIST IN DISCUSSIONS OF TREATMENT OF  
PRISONERS AND CONFISCATED PROPERTY.

3. PLEASE RESERVE SINGLES AT GENEVE FOR NIMETZ, EGAN,  
CASTILLO, MEISSNER, KNAPP, ALDRETE, SPIELMAN, LEHNER,

KIRKLAND, AND HORTON STARTING NIGHT OF AUGUST 10, OR HOTEL NEAR EMBASSY IN SIMILAR PRICE RANGE IF GENEVE UNAVAILABLE.

4. NIMETZ, EGAN, MEISSNER AND KNAPP ARRIVING MEXICO CITY 9:18 PM AUGUST 10 ON EA NO. 909. ALDRETE ARRIVING AUGUST 10 AT 4:15 PM ON MX NO. 717. PLEASE MEET AND ASSIST. COMMISSIONER CASTILLO ARRIVING AUGUST 10 ON BRANIFF 147 AND WILL BE MET AND ASSISTED BY INS MEXICO. ARRIVAL TIMES OF REMAINDER OF US-BASED DELEGATES WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS KNOWN.

5. WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTTEL, DCM WAS CORRECT IN ASSUMPTION THAT US INTERESTED IN SPILLS IN GULF AND IN UNCLASSIFIED

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PACIFIC. YOU MAY INFORM ROSENZWEIG THAT IN VIEW OF GROWING TANKER TRAFFIC AND OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION OFF OUR COASTS IN PACIFIC AND GULF, IT IS IN INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH A MEANS FOR US AND MEXICAN AUTHORITIES TO COOPERATE IN RESPONDING QUICKLY TO POLLUTION THREATS TO BORDER AREAS FROM ACCIDENTAL OR OPERATIONAL DISCHARGES OF OIL. AT A MINIMUM THE COOPERATION SHOULD ALLOW EACH SIDE TO KNOW WHOM TO CONTACT AND HOW TO PROCEED IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR SPILL. IT COULD ALSO BECOME A SOURCE OF USEFUL INFORMATION EXCHANGES ON OIL-SPILL CLEAN-UP TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERIENCE.

6. US HAS FOUND THE CONTINGENCY PLAN IN EFFECT WITH CANADA SINCE 1974 HAS GREATLY AIDED RESPONSES TO OIL POLLUTION THREATS AND WOULD WELCOME SIMILAR FORM OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING WITH GOM IN BORDER AREAS.

7. (FYI: IN BRIEFING MEXICANS ON THIS POINT YOU MAY WISH TO GIVE THEM AGAIN THE SUBSTANCE OF THE US-CANADIAN CONTINGENCY PLANS THAT WAS TRANSMITTED FOR GOM IN STATE 192262 OF AUGUST 13, 1975.) THIS TOPIC WILL BE ADDRESSED DURING TALKS BY CAPT. KIRKLAND OF COAST GUARD. CHRISTOPHER

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